

이선영

*Invited by the chairman
Mana entered the hunter's den.*

Only to become their new bait.

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...Now that
I think about it,
that USB design
is quite common,
you can just buy
a duplicate
anywhere.



I should have
considered
that possibility...

Why was I so careless?

It was such a simple trick!

I actually walked
in here on my own
and offering
myself up...

Like an
idiot!!!





What's wrong,
Mano? Tell
me if you feel
uncomfortable.

Hells darkness,
my old friend....

...It's nothing.

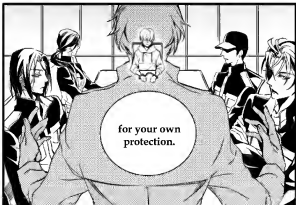


Sorry
about the
hand-
cuffs,
the supe-
riors are
watching
you see...

We are
not trying
to scare you
or anything.



This is



for your own
protection.



From the beginning,
I knew they
weren't humans.

...He did?

I wanted to
know what they
were planning by
hiding themselves as
librarians, so I asked
you to check the But as I
placed out thought, that
for me was an unreasonable request seeing
how you couldn't escape. They must
have gotten some kind of hold over
you, right?



Vampires
cannot go
without
blood for
more than
two weeks.

He sent me
there knowing
full well what
they were?

They may be fooled on
you right now,
but eventually they'll
give up and look for
another prey. If not
they'll lose their senses
and charge in here
recklessly.

In which case,
we'll handle
them. You
don't have to
worry.



We will
protect you.

Please
cooperate with us
and play captive
for two weeks.



...Lies.





Lunchtime



We're heading to the canteen for lunch.

Please enjoy your meal. I'll watch over him here.

Alright then, we'll leave him to you.



Um, you could have gone with them...

Prefers to Eat Alone



No,

I hate crowded places.



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How many
days have I
been here?

Ten?



...Time
to make
my move.

I'm
going to the
lavatory.



SLIDE

Wait.
I'm
coming.



Pfft

I don't think
you need that,
we're just going
to the toilet.
Don't worry,
I won't try to
run away.



Understood.

SLIP



Would
you please
remove
these cuffs
for now?

If shit gets on
them while I
conduct my
business, my
mood will also
become pretty
shitty you see.

...Despite
his looks,

he's got
quite a foul
mouth...



I let out a
huge snake!!

REFRESHED!

...Good
for you.





That
thing you
always have
slung over your
shoulder...
It's a bow,
right?

Hunters
must train
their bodies
a lot, huh?

It's a type
of compound
bow. I quickly
became adept at
handling it thanks
to the archery
lessons I took
when I was
young.

Scho is
good with all
kinds of martial
arts though, like
taekwondo
and judo.



I have
tried to learn
those before per
Team leader's
suggestion... But
they don't fit me,
unfortunately.



Hm...
I see.



Your
hands,
please

...That's
a relief.





For such a small
frame, he packs
quite a punch...!



I'm

quite
skilled with
my hands.





You're
making a
mistake
...

It's only a
matter of time
before you get
caught.

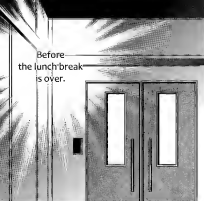
And when
you do, I will
pay you back
twice for this
humiliation.

I know.









Before
the lunch break
is over.



Beep



Mr. Kim
Jin Woo,
confirmed.

Access
granted



...Huh?

Why is
it so dark?



A...

...head?!

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...Impossible.



That thing
is alive... but can
hardly be considered
the person it
once was.

No way...
he was talking
about this?





This is
the head of the
sole specimen
caught by
Hunter's 150
years ago.

It's thanks to this
that we were able to
learn so much about
mutants, like how they
that normal vampires
are so scared of, such
as crosses, garlic, and
sunlight, have no effect
on them, and that they
possess abilities that
make them nearly
invincible.

However,
after many years
of experimentation
we've found that they
aren't invulnerable,
each possesses
but one fatal
weakness.

In the
case of this
specimen,
it is weak
to fire.



Was its head
the only part
they originally
found?

No, the rest of
its body was
destroyed by
the experiments.
We started
from its inferior
distal digits.

Now only its
head remains...
It's still alive
however.

We are
going to test
the limits of
their vitality
today.



Start the
vitality
test.



Ignite.



Stop.

Inject
50 ml of
blood.



...It returned
to normal?

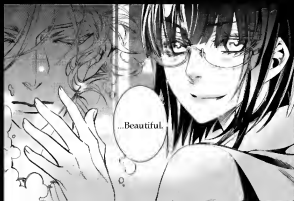
Hmm... Despite its fatal
weakness, it seems to be
able to recover as soon as
blood enters its system.



Let's
reduce the
volume of
blood.



Again.





Aah...
I must
know more
about these
mutants,
more!

I need more
samples!
Mutant
samples!

Their
vitality, their
abilities, and
even their
mortalities!

Everything!



...How could she
be so calm and face
ghosts?

Just because
they're not
humans?



THUD



What is it?
Barging in without
permission during
an experiment...



Hiss

Sorry, I
just need
to confirm
something.



I just checked
the laboratory's
entry records,
and Jin Woo
name was listed
even though he is
standing next to
me right now.

But then,
who used
the card?



...
Come
out.

Mano.





Click

I will not
allow further
desecration
of my
laboratory

When
did she get
behind me?

Everyone
out!

Now!!



I'm back right

where I started.



From now on
you'll be locked in the
room with a toilet, feel free
to use it to your heart's
content, with the cuffs
on that is



Mario...



They
were happily
burning
a person
alive...




Don't
you feel
anything
at all?



They
are not
people.

They're
monsters.



A few hundred years ago,
mankind had neither the
strength nor the knowledge
to fight against vampires.

We were helpless,
a mere food
source to them.

However, countless Hunters
sacrificed their lives in hope
of turning the tables one day.

Just when we finally
acquired the techniques
and abilities necessary
to battle them...



The mutants appeared.

The knowledge gleaned
from those years
of hardship is useless
against this new strain.

We cannot afford
to make such heavy
sacrifices a second time.



They're
parasites, Mano.
Monsters that
feed on human
blood.

Don't be
fooled by their
appearance.



They're
different
from us.



But Seho...

As it is, we are
turning into monsters.



Mano

Answer
me.

Come
now brat,
where are
you?

...Fine,
forget
it.

The familiar voice
I hear everyday.

Respond,
at least

TENSE
UP...

No, I'm never
gonna answer.

...I cannot
lead him here.

I don't want to
see him like that.

...Haa,
fine. I
give up.

I won't
go there, I
promise.







*referring to the author.





You

summoned
me.



--- Ura, Author?

We need to talk

What are you
looking at?

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